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SUBJECT: GUNS FOR GABONESE PATROL BOATS

1. EMBASSY OF GABON HAS INDICATED TO SWIFT SHIPS' REPRESENTATIVE WASHINGTON THAT FOLLOWING ACTIONS BEING TAKEN:

A. APPOINTMENT OF W.R.ALGER CO., PO BOX 717, KENNER, LOUISIANA 70762, TELEPHONE 504-835-6261, AS FREIGHT FORWARDER WHICH WILL TRANSHIP AMMUNITION (FMS CASE GB-AAA-P4) AND FOLLOW ON SUPPORT ITEMS FOR FMS CASE GB-LAA-P4.

B. GABONESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON DESIGNATING SWIFT SHIPS
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INC., MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA, AS AGENT FOR GOVERNMENT

OF GABON FOR PURPOSE OF SIGNING LOA AND DISBURSING FUNDS
TO US NAVY FOR TRAINING GABONESE NAVAL PERSONNEL ON
WEAPONS LISTED ON FMS CASE GB LAA-P4. SWIFT SHIPS INC.
HAS INFORMED ITS WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE THAT IT
ALREADY HAS FUNDS ON HAND AS RESULT EXISTING COMMERCIAL
CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENT OF GABON.

C. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS EMBASSY OF GABON IN WASHINGTON
OBTAINING PORT CLEARANCES REQUIRED FOR SAILING OF PATROL
CRAFT. DEPARTURE NOW PLANNED FOR 21 APRIL.

2. DOD/NAVY NOW PREPARING LOA FOR TRAINING. REQUEST
EMBASSY PROVIDE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WITH STATUS REPORT
AND CONFIRM THAT ARRANGEMENTS BEING UNDERTAKEN PER
PARAGRAPH 1, ARE SATISFACTORY TO GOVERNMENT OF GABON.
APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE REPLY IN ORDER THAT
DOD/NAVY MAY FINALIZE LOA AND TRAINING PLANS. KISSINGER

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